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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, CD  
SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

REF: A. STATE 183292, B. NDJAMENA 2678

1. AS DEPT AWARE, WE HAVE DISCUSSED CHAD SITUATION WITH  
SEVERAL SENIOR SUDANESE OFFICIALS, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN.  
MOST RECENTLY (AUG 2) DCM DISCUSSED CHAD DEVELOPMENTS WITH  
IZZ AL-DIN SAYED, CHAIRMAN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY FOREIGN  
RELATIONS COMMITTEE. FYI -- SAYED IS VETERAN  
POLITICIAN AND FORMER MINISTER WHO IS FULLY INFORMED ON  
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SUDANGOV POLICIES. END FYI. DCM HAS ALSO DISCUSSED CHAD  
IN PART WEEK WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, SENIOR MILITARY  
OFFICER PRESENTLY IN COUNTRY.

2. THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUAL UNANIMITY AMONG SUDANESE  
LEADERS OVER CHAD. ON ONE HAND MALLOUM GOVT IS CONSIDERED  
FRIENDLY AND WORTHY OF SUPPORT, HOWEVER, IT IS CONSIDERED

TO BE WEAK AND WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL CONCESSIONS AND COMPROMISES MADE. SUDANGOV AND SUDAN MILITARY RELUCTANT BECOME INVOLVED MILITARILY, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY HAVE MORE PRESSING REQUIREMENTS ALONG EASTERN FRONTIER AND WITH SUDAN ITSELF.

3. THEREFORE, SUDANGOV HAS LIMITED ITS ASSISTANCE TO POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT AND TO MEDIATING BETWEEN CHAD GOVT AND CERTAIN REBELS. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY INTENTION TO PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AT THIS STAGE SINCE, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE IS NO RPT NO SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE. NOR IS THERE ANY AMERICAN EQUIPMENT IN SUDAN WHICH COULD BE TRANSMITTED TO CHAD. ANY DELIVERIES OF US EQUIPMENT TO SUDAN WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL 1978 AT EARLIEST, AND THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE NEEDED BY SUDAN ITSELF. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SUDAN MILITARY WOULD WISH IMMEDIATELY TO TRANSFER C-130S, FOR EXAMPLE, TO CHAD.

4. COMMENT: RE PARA 2, REF B, ALTHOUGH SUDANGOV MAY HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPAL TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW SUDANESE WILL BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CHAD SINCE LARGE AMOUNTS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE, AND EVEN TRANSFERRING EQUIPMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT. BERGUS

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